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**Subject:** Re: WSJ - Questions on GSENM and dinos  
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On Feb 14, 2018, at 9:10 AM, Daniel Jorjani <[daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov](mailto:daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

Good edits from Aaron, ccd.

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Some suggestions/comments in the attached.

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On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:53 AM, Daniel Jorjani <[daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov](mailto:daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

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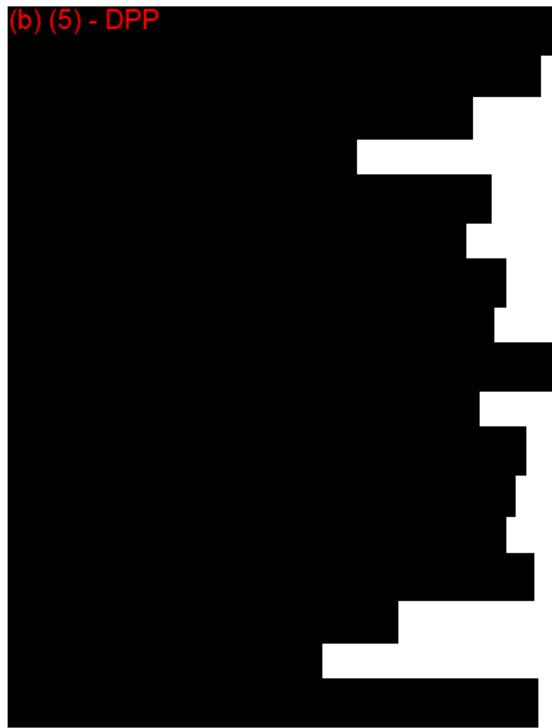
On Feb 13, 2018, at 6:38 PM, Swift, Heather

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Q/A from WSJ below

1) Is there room for responsible  
mineral development near known  
Paleontological sites? If so, what  
sort of measures would be taken  
to protect the fossils and access  
for scientists to study them?

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2) The President's proclamation allows mineral leasing in the reopened parts of the Grand Staircase and Bears Ears monuments. But I understand there have been no applications for leasing permits since the BLM on Feb. 1 said it would begin accepting them. Local Utah lawmakers say that's because the coal market is already saturated there and exploration for other minerals still faces fierce opposition and a long permitting process. Did Interior expect low demand for this? Do you expect interest will pick up eventually?

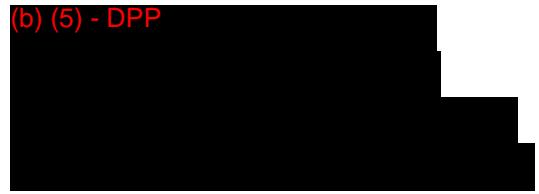
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3) Would the construction of new roads to access mineral sites open up the dinosaur areas to vandalism and looting, as the paleontologists fear?

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4) By breaking up the old GSENM and Bears Ears into monument and non-monument areas, scientists say that has made the permitting system for Paleontological work much harder. ie, some scientists who had monument permits now have to apply for BLM permits because their research site now sits outside of the old monument. Do you agree this is a problem?

(b) (5) - DPP



5) Finally, can I get a general comment on whether you agree the Paleontological remains in both Grand Staircase and Bears Ears are important and need to be protected?

(b) (5) - DPP



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